GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ENCROACHMENT AROUND KALKAJI TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kalkaji temple in Delhi is surrounded by the encroachers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the slum dwellers are being removed from the land encroached by them;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to rehabilitate them at any other place; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The Kalkaji Temple, which is visited by lakhs of devotees every month has had to face serious problems of inadequate infrastructure facilities, unauthorised construction, large scale misuse of premises including greens etc. To avoid any serious problem of public safety and security, the conditions in the premises need to be improved.

(b): There are 5127 jhuggis of eligible and ineligible squatters including commercial encroachments in and around the Kalkaji Temple complex and its neighbourhood including green belt.

(c),(d)&(e): Squatters are rehabilitated as per existing Govt. Policy.